



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

**Agency:** Department of Early Learning

**Subject of possible rule making:** Revisions to Chapter 170-290 WAC, including but not limited to revisions to WAC 170-290-0140, to prohibit child care subsidy program payments to in-home/relative providers who have previously had their child care licenses revoked, or whose child care licenses are currently suspended.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 43.215.060, RCW 43.215.070; chapter 43.215 RCW

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** Current rules state that DSHS will not pay for the cost of child care provided by an in-home/relative provider if the provider does not meet certain requirements, has been convicted, or is charged with, certain crimes, has not completed a background check, and if DSHS determines the provider is not of suitable character and competence to meet the needs of children in care. Inclusion of language stating that DSHS will not pay if the provider previously had a child care licenses revoked, or if the provider's license is currently suspended, will promote the health and safety of children in care and promote program integrity.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** The state Department of Social and Health Services jointly administers the working connections child care subsidy program. DEL must follow United States Administration for Children and Families - Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) regulations consistent with the state's CCDF plan. DEL plans to coordinate rule development with these state and federal agencies.

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) To the extent practicable, DEL intends to seek public input during the rule drafting and development process. At a later date, DEL will file proposed rules (more than one proposed rule-making notice may be filed), hold a public hearing or hearings, and accept written comments before adopting permanent rules.

**How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication. Individuals and organizations wishing to receive draft and proposed materials may join a DEL rules mailing list by contacting the DEL rules coordinator at [Rules@del.wa.gov](mailto:Rules@del.wa.gov), by fax (360) 586-0533, or by writing to the DEL Rules Coordinator, Department of Early Learning, P.O. Box 40970, Olympia, WA 98504-0970.

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